

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT[661]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 100B.10, the State Fire Marshal hereby amends Chapter 251, "Fire Fighter Training and Certification," Iowa Administrative Code.

Iowa Code chapter 100B requires the State Fire Marshal to establish minimum training standards for fire fighters. The current standards were adopted several years ago. The amendments to the rules which establish minimum training required for fire fighters engaged in structural fire fighting do not modify the substance of those requirements but update a reference to a national standard used in the rule, delete references to a past effective date which are no longer needed, and modify the format, but do not change the content, of the list of subjects for continuing training of fire department members.

In addition, the Fire Service Training Bureau, which is under the direction of the State Fire Marshal, administers the certification program for fire fighters in the State of Iowa. This certification program is recognized nationally by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (PROBOARD) and internationally by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). Certification is not required by state law to work in the fire service in Iowa, but certification is required by some fire departments as a condition of employment. Amendments adopted herein to the rules establishing certification standards do not change the substance of those standards but add references to recognition of Iowa's certification program by the PROBOARD and reorganize explanatory information in the notes to rule 661—251.201(100B) for greater clarity.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9766B** on October 5, 2011. A public hearing was held on November 1, 2011, to accept comments on the amendments proposed in the Notice of Intended Action. No comments were received either at the hearing or otherwise, and the amendments adopted herein are identical to those proposed under Notice of Intended Action.

These amendments are not anticipated to have any fiscal impact.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 100B.

These amendments will become effective February 1, 2012.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [251.101 to 251.103, 251.201, 251.204(1)] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 9766B**, IAB 10/5/11.

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